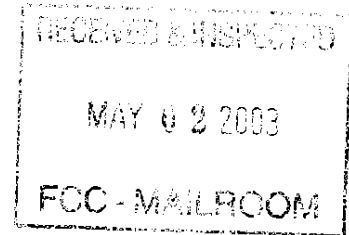


April 17, 2003



Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I have worked as a Qwest employee for many years and have seen what an impact telecommunications has on the economy. Telecommunications plays a vital role to the economy in good times and in bad.

I have been following the different phases of Qwest's attempts to enter our state's long distance market. I am hopeful to see a change in the long distance business as soon as possible.

Hopefully we will realize the benefits of Qwest's long distance services soon. I urge you to join me in supporting real long distance competition in Minnesota.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Shelly Erskine".

Shelly Erskine
7821 Neal Ave So.
Denmark Township, MN 55033

CC: Senator Mark Dayton
Senator Norm Coleman
U.S. Representative Betty McCollum

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